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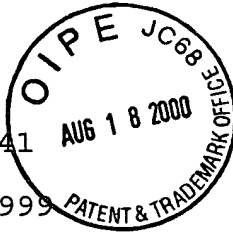
In re Application of

Britta DAUME

Serial No.: 09/491,841

Filed: August 23, 1999

For: A DEVICE FOR CONTACTING
IN PARTICULAR ELONGATED
ILLUSTRATIVELY SUBSTANTIALLY:
CYLINDRICAL BODIES SUCH AS
CABLES OR PIPES/TUBES



Examiner: Renee S. Luebke

Group Art Unit: 2833

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of July 28, 2000,
applicant hereby elects for prosecution Species 2, shown in
Figure 5 and 6.

The claims readable on the elected species include claims 1,
3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25,
26, 29, 30, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39.

The following claims are generic. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 16,
17, 19, 22-24, 26, 29, 35-37 and 39.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional
application or take other appropriate measures as he deems
necessary to protect the invention lying within the non-elected
Species 1 and 3 through 8.

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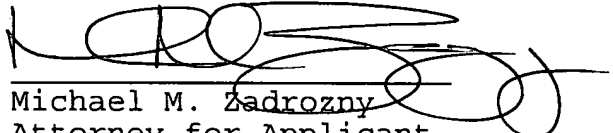
Lastly, record is made of an telephonic interview conducted with the Examiner on August 4, 2000 during which counsel advised the Examiner the application serial number provided on the Office Action of July 28, 2000 does not correspond to the serial number provided on the Official Filing Receipt. The Examiner advised applicant to refrain from filing of a formal request to correct the serial number until she has had the time to further investigate the error. The Examiner additionally advised counsel to use the serial number shown on the Office Action of July 28, 2000 for all papers or other communications filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding the present application and until such time as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office confirms correction of the serial number error.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should this determination be incorrect, debit Deposit Account No. 19-2105 for any deficiencies and notify the undersigned.



Date: AUGUST 18, 2000

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